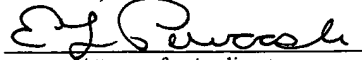


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Dear Sir:


Enclosed for filing are the following:

1. an Issue Fee Transmittal, Part B (PTO Form PTOL-85B);
2. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance; and
3. a check in the amount of \$1,645.00 as the requisite Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(a) and § 1.18(d) and for five (5) advanced copies of the patent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Also enclosed is a return postcard. Please date stamp and mail the postcard to acknowledge receipt of the above-mentioned correspondence.

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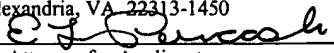
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Applicant believes the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is improper as it merely copies a number of claim limitations into the statement. While applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicant does not agree that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

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